

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reexamination of the captioned application is respectfully requested.

A. SUMMARY OF THIS AMENDMENT

By the current amendment, Applicants basically:

1. Amend claims 9 and 12.
2. Cancel claims 11 and 14 without prejudice or disclaimer.
3. Respectfully traverse all prior art rejections.

B. PATENTABILITY OF THE CLAIMS

All claims are currently alleged unpatentable (1) over Honjo (USP 6,006,007) in view of Fujinami et al (USP 5,455,684) and (2) over Togo et al (JP 6 133268A) in view of allegedly admitted prior art. All prior art rejections are respectfully traversed in view, e.g., of the patentability arguments previously presented and the present amendments.

The present amendments to independent claims 9 and 12 are deemed to include further clarifying distinctions. Such amendments include reference to a sequence table memory and a key frame table memory. Support in the original specification is manifest for both the sequence table memory (see, e.g., element 12) and the key frame table memory (see, e.g., element 14), with reference, e.g., to the paragraph bridging pages 28 and 29 as well as other specification aspects such as Fig. 8A and Fig. 8B.

The present amendments to claim 12 is also supported by the description, e.g. at page 16, line 14 through page 19, line 2 of the specification.

C. MISCELLANEOUS


In view of the foregoing and other considerations, all claims are deemed in condition for allowance. A formal indication of allowability is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the undersigned's deposit account #14-1140 in whatever amount is necessary for entry of these papers and the continued pendency of the captioned application.

Should the Examiner feel that an interview with the undersigned would facilitate allowance of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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